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Security Council

10 a.m.	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room
	Programme of work	
	Other matters	

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Informal consultations on agenda item 71 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments)

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Security Council

The presidency of the Security Council for the month of October 2006 (Japan) will hold a briefing to the press on the programme of work for the month of October, *today*, 3 October 2006, following the consultations of the whole, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). Delegations can view the press briefing in Studio 4 located in the First Basement.

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Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m.–1p.m. 3rd meeting Conference Room 4

General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items (items 82 to 97): *item 82* (A/61/133 and A/61/133/Add.1); *item 83* (A/61/183 and A/61/190); *item 84*; *item 85* (A/61/161); *item 86*; *item 87* (A/61/140 (Part I)); *item 88*; *item 89*; *item 90* (A/61/98, A/61/112, A/61/113, A/61/114, A/61/116, A/61/118, A/61/118/Add.1, A/61/124, A/61/127, A/61/159, A/61/159/Corr.1, A/61/164, A/61/168, A/61/169, A/61/169/Add.1, A/61/171, A/61/171/Add.1, A/61/185, A/61/261, A/61/288, A/61/293 and A/61/344–S/2006/741); *item 91* (A/61/130, A/61/130/Corr.1, A/61/137, A/61/157, A/61/163, A/61/215 and A/61/365); *item 92* (A/61/42 (Suppl. 42), A/61/180 and A/61/297); *item 93* (A/61/160 (Part II)); *item 94*; *item 95* (A/61/123); *item 96* (A/61/134 and A/61/184); and *item 97*

[Other documents: A/C.1/61/1 and A/C.1/61/2]

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3–6 p.m. 3rd meeting Conference Room 4

Agenda items 35, 36, 37, 38 and 39

General debate on all decolonization items: *item 35* (A/61/23 (chapters VII and XII) and A/61/70); *item 36* (A/61/23 (chapters V and XII)); *item 37* (A/61/23 (chapters VI and XII) and A/61/62); *item 38* (A/61/66); and *item 39* (A/61/23 and A/61/121)

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 4th meeting Conference Room 2

General debate (*continued*)

China

Ghana

Islamic Republic of Iran

Lao People's Democratic Republic (on behalf of the Landlocked Developing Countries)

Singapore

Sudan

Cuba

Republic of Tanzania

San Marino

Malaysia

Barbados (on behalf of the Caribbean Community)

Qatar

3–6 p.m. 5th meeting Conference Room 2

General debate (*continued*)

Croatia

Saudi Arabia

Ukraine (on behalf of GUAM)

Cambodia

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

Kazakhstan

Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

Nigeria

Sri Lanka

Kuwait

Costa Rica

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

International Labour Organization

World Bank

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 3rd meeting Conference Room 1

3–6 p.m. 4th meeting Conference Room 1

Social development [60]

(a) Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (A/61/99)

(b) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

(c) United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all (A/61/151)

(d) Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing (A/61/167)

Continuation of general discussion

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS)

Informal consultations convened by delegations

Tuesday, 3 October 2006

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization, under agenda item 108 (d) (convened by the delegation of the Russian Federation)

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on international cooperation against the drug problem, under agenda item 98 (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

3.15–5 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 3 October 2006

JUSCANZ Group (Third Committee)

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Mason Group (on First Committee matters)

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Briefing on "Developments in ocean affairs and the law of the sea" (co-organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS) of the Office of of Legal Affairs)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Group of 77 (Third Committee: item 60 (Social Development))

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Group of 77 (on oceans and the law of the sea)

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Alliance of Small Island States: Working Group

1.15–2.15 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Informal exchange of views with the delegations of the Group of African States to the First Committee (organized by the United States Mission)

1.15–2 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Briefing for the Human Security Network Member and Observer States (organized by the Permanent Mission of Slovenia)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting *Conference Room B*

Other activities

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Tuesday, 3 October 2006

Women's International Forum meeting on "What does reforming the United Nations really mean?" (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

From 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.]

Panel discussion on "*Space Security 2006*: Challenges and opportunities" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada)

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend.]

Panel discussion on "Current challenges facing the First Committee of the General Assembly", to mark the fortieth anniversary of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

From 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend.]

Public launch of the United Nations Peacemaker Web site, by the Department of Political Affairs (hosted by the Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs)

From 3 to 5 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[The presentation will be followed by a discussion. All are invited to attend.]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Tuesday, 3 October 2006

Room S-226

10.15 a.m.	Ms. Lisa Speer, Natural Resources Defense Council for the Deep Sea Conservation Coalition; Ms. Ellen Pikitch, Executive Director, Pew Institute for Ocean Science, University of Miami; Ms. Sigourney Weaver, actress; H.E. Mr. Robert Hill, Permanent Representative of Australia; H.E. Mr. Stuart Beck, Permanent Representative of Palau; H.E. Ms. Rosemary Banks, Permanent Representative of New Zealand; and H.E. Mr. Johan Ludvik Lovald, Permanent Representative of Norway (on the destruction cause to oceans by high seas bottom trawling) [sponsored by the United Nations Environment Programme]
11 a.m.	Mr. Michael Lee, Executive Director, International Advertising Association (IAA); Professor Noriyuki Shutto, Executive Advisor, Dentsu Inc.; Mr. Salil Shetty, Director, United Nations Millennium Campaign; and Ms. Indra Abidin, Senior Vice-President, IAA (to launch the IAA-Dentsu InterAd XI, a global student advertising competition for the promotion of the Millennium Development Goals)
12 noon	Press briefing by the Spokesman
Afternoon[1]	H.E. Mr. Kenzo Oshima (Japan), President of the Security Council for October (on the programme of work of the Council)
2.30 p.m.	H.E. Mr. Irakli Alasania, Permanent Representative of Georgia (on recent developments in Georgia)

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole of the Security Council.

Forthcoming official meetings

Wednesday, 4 October 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

General Committee

3 p.m. 1st informal meeting (closed) Conference Room 5

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Informal consultations on agenda item 71 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

The open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 71 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments) will continue on Wednesday, 4, until Friday, 6 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6, and on Monday, 9 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Main Committees

Second Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate and for all other items allocated to the Second Committee is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (tel. 1 (212) 963-2184; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Ms. Vivian Pliner, Acting Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Side event

A presentation to the Second Committee on the findings of the ad hoc expert group meeting on "Strengthening the business sector and entrepreneurship in developing countries: The potential of diasporas" will be held on Friday, 6 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The event, organized by the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be presided over by H.E. Mrs. Tiina Intelmann (Estonia), Chairperson of the Second Committee, and moderated by Mr. Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Keynote address

A keynote address on the theme "Globalization and interdependence: The Future of globalization: Growing complexities and challenges and search for solutions" will be delivered by Dr. Kenneth Rogoff, Thomas D. Cabot Professor of Public Policy and Professor of Economics, Harvard University, Cambridge, on Monday, 9 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 2.

The event, organized by the Office of Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be presided over by H.E. Mrs. Tiina Intelmann (Estonia), Chairperson of the Second Committee. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Third Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations are kindly requested to consult the draft programme of work of the Third Committee (A/C.3/61/L.1) prior to contacting the Secretariat with their request for inscription on the list (contact: Ms. Nancy Beteta (tel. 1 (212) 963-5722; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Participants

Delegations that have not submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are reminded to convey such information to the Secretary of the Third Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Sixth Committee

The Sixth Committee will hold its first meeting on Tuesdsay, 10 October 2006, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The provisional programme of work for the sixty-first session, as well as other relevant information relating to the organization of work and the status of documentation, is available on the Web site of the Sixth Committee and is regularly updated (<www.un.org/law/cod/sixth/61/sixth61.htm>).

The hard copy of the report of the International Law Commission has been issued (A/61/10). Its electronic version is also available in all official languages at <http://untreaty.un.org/ilc/reports/2006/2006report.htm>.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marissa Amores (tel. 1(212) 963-5332; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)).

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The 296th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Wednesday, 4 October 2006, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Economic and Social Council

Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
Second session

The second session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters will take place from Monday, 30 October, to Friday, 3 November 2006, in Conference Room XX, at the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

Delegations are kindly requested to submit the names of observers to the Financing for Development Office, DESA (fax 1 (212) 963-0443; e-mail ffdoffice@un.org). For further information, please contact Mr. Masa Ohyama, Financing for Development Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-4695; e-mail ohyama@un.org).

Forthcoming informal consultations convened by delegations

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapon and on Their Destruction", under agenda item 90 (p) (First Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Poland)

Wednesday, 4 October 2006, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room A; and

Tuesday, 10 October 2006, from 2 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the report of the Conference on Disarmament, under agenda item 92 (c) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Slovakia)

Thursday, 5 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on international cooperation against the drug problem, under agenda item 98 (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Thursday, 5 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3; and

Friday, 6 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on transparency in armaments, under agenda item 90 (aa) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Netherlands)

Monday, 9 October 2006, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Friends of the International Criminal Court

Meeting with the President of the Court
Wednesday, 4 October 2006, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6;

Meeting with the President of the Court (for the African Group)
Thursday, 5 October 2006, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6;

Friends of the International Criminal Court
Tuesday, 10 October 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Briefing by the Chief Prosecutor of the Court
Tuesday, 17 October 2006, from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in the Penthouse of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library.

JUSCANZ Group (Second Committee)

Wednesday, 4 October 2006, from 9 to 10 a.m., at the Permanent Mission of Canada.

African Group: Group of Experts on Economic Matters

Wednesday, 4 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Informal exchanges of views (closed) with the delegations of the regional groups to the First Committee (organized by the United States Mission)

Group of Asian States
Wednesday, 4 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 9;

Group of Eastern European States
Thursday, 5 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 9;

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States
Friday, 6 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 8; and

Group of Western European and Other States
Monday, 9 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Meeting of the Group of Interested States of the Special Court for Sierra Leone: Briefing by the Acting Prosecutor and the Registrar of the Special Court

Wednesday, 4 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Giorgia Tortora, Special Court New York Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-3327).]

Open-ended meeting on "Harmonising standards for the import, export and transfer of conventional arms: Towards an arms trade treaty" (organized by the Permanent Missions of Argentina, Australia, Costa Rica, Finland, Japan, Kenya and the United Kingdom)

Wednesday, 4 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Southern African Development Community (SADC) (Third Committee experts)

Wednesday, 4 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Group of the Least Developed Countries

Wednesday, 4 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (briefing on the "Global Study on Violence against Children", by the Independent Expert on Violence against Children)

Thursday, 5 October 2006, from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

2006 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme

Thursday, 5 October–Wednesday, 1 November 2006, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Eastern European Group (at the ambassadorial level) (briefing by the Independent Expert on Violence against Children)

Thursday, 5 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Non-Aligned Movement (on First Committee matters): Working Group on Disarmament (informal consultations)

Thursday, 5 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Asian Group (monthly meeting)

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Other forthcoming activities

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Presentation of the Four Nations Initiative on Governance and Management of the United Nations (an initiativ launched by Chile, South Africa, Sweden and Thailand, to address issues of United Nations reform) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

Wednesday, 4 October 2006, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All members of Permanent and Observation Missions are invited to attend.]

Introduction of two reports of the Secretary-General entitled "The New Partnership for Africa's Development: fourth consolidated report on progress in implementation and international support" (A/61/212) and "Implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General o the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa" (A/61/213 and launching of the report entitled "The contribution of the private sector to the implementation of NEPAI (organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa)

Thursday, 5 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Panel discussion on "Institutional challenges to the implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development" (organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa)

Thursday, 12 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Ejeviome Otobo, Policy Analysis Unit, OSAA (tel. 1 (212) 962-5006); or Ms. Rekia Soumana, OSAA (tel. 1 (212) 963-9247; e-mail soumana@un.org).]

Panel discussion on "The role of interreligious dialogue in conflict resolution" (organized by the United States Mission)

Friday, 6 October 2006, from 1.30 to 3 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054; e-mail kerryp@state.gov).]

Panel discussion on "The role of specific sectors in addressing, preventing and eliminating violence against women", to mark the presentation of the Secretary-General's in-depth study on violence against women to the General Assembly (organized by the Division for the Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Monday, 9 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited to attend.]

Update on the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction — Planned commitments and joint resourcing (organized by the Permanent Missions of Ecuador and Switzerland and the ISDR secretariat)

Tuesday, 10 October 2006, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Elina Palm, ISDR New York Liaison Officer (e-mail palm@un.org).]

Announcements

Security Council

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

UNITAR Fellowship Programme at Columbia University Law School and UNITAR Visitors Programme at New York University School of Law, for diplomats accredited to the United Nations

The deadline for registration is Monday, 23 October 2006. For further information, please contact the UNITAR office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196; e-mail goldschmidt@un.org; or info@unitarny.org).

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 2 October 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

24th plenary meeting

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/61/1 and A/61/1/Corr.1) . . . . . [102]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 102.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and of those countries which aligned themselves with this statement), Belarus, Pakistan, India, Liechtenstein, Colombia, Mongolia, Japan, Cuba, China, Australia, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Malaysia and Indonesia.

25th plenary meeting

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/61/1 and A/61/1/Corr.1) . . . . . [102]

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Canada, Zambia, Iceland, Kazakhstan, Viet Nam, Namibia, Benin, San Marino, Switzerland, the Sudan and Ethiopia.

The observer of the Observer State of the Holy See made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 54/195 of 17 December 1999, the observer for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources made a statement.

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Secretary-General, as contained in document A/61/1 and A/61/1/Corr.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States and the Netherlands.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 102.

Main Committees

First Committee

2nd meeting

The Chairperson made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs made a statement.

General debate

The Committee began its general debate on all disarmament and related international security agenda items. Statements were made by the representatives of Norway, Bangladesh, Egypt (on behalf of the New Agenda Coalition), Indonesia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Mexico, Argentina, China, Switzerland, Brazil, Japan, New Zealand and the Russian Federation.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

2nd meeting

Agenda items 35, 36, 37, 38 and 39

The Chairman made a statement.

A statement introducing the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (A/61/23) was made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic, in his capacity as the Rapporteur of the Special Committee.

The representative of Saint Lucia made a statement, in his capacity as the Chairman of the Special Committee.

The Committee began its general debate with statements by the representatives of Egypt, Guyana (on behalf of the Rio Group), Cuba, New Zealand and Brazil (on behalf of MERCOSUR).

The representative of the United Kingdom made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

Request for hearings

The Committee decided to hear the petitioners on the questions of Gibraltar (A/C.4/61/2), Guam (A/C.4/61/3, A/C.4/61/3/Add.1, A/C.4/61/3/Add.2, A/C.4/61/3/Add.3, A/C.4/61/3/Add.4 and A/C.4/61/3/Add.5), Western Sahara (A/C.4/61/4, A/C.4/61/4/Add.1, A/C.4/61/4/Add.2, A/C.4/61/4/Add.3, A/C.4/61/4/Add.4, A/C.4/61/4/Add.5, A/C.4/61/4/Add.6, A/C.4/61/4/Add.7,

A/C.4/61/4/Add.8, A/C.4/61/4/Add.9, A/C.4/61/4/Add.10, A/C.4/61/4/Add.11, A/C.4/61/4/Add.12, A/C.4/61/4/Add.13, A/C.4/61/4/Add.14, A/C.4/61/4/Add.15, A/C.4/61/4/Add.16, A/C.4/61/4/Add.17, A/C.4/61/4/Add.18, A/C.4/61/4/Add.19, A/C.4/61/4/Add.20, A/C.4/61/4/Add.21, A/C.4/61/4/Add.22, A/C.4/61/4/Add.23, A/C.4/61/4/Add.24, A/C.4/61/4/Add.25, A/C.4/61/4/Add.26, A/C.4/61/4/Add.27, A/C.4/61/4/Add.28, A/C.4/61/4/Add.29, A/C.4/61/4/Add.30, A/C.4/61/4/Add.31, A/C.4/61/4/Add.32, A/C.4/61/4/Add.33, A/C.4/61/4/Add.34 and A/C.4/61/4/Add.35) and New Caledonia (A/C.4/61/5).

The Chairman reminded delegations that the deadline for the submission of draft resolutions under decolonization items was set for 6 p.m., on Tuesday, 3 October.

Second Committee

2nd meeting

The Chairperson, H.E. Mrs. Tiina Intelmann (Estonia), made an opening statement.

An introductory statement was made by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic a Social Affairs.

"Question time"

The Chairperson reminded the Committee that, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 58/316, a "question time" period had been introduced in the Main Committees to enable an exchange of views with the heads of departments. Commen and questions were made by the representatives of the Dominican Republic, Indones and Egypt.

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs responded to commen and questions raised.

General debate

The Committee began its general debate and heard statements by the representatives South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countr Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of th Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia, as well as Ukraine and the Republic of Moldo the United States, Pakistan, the Russian Federation, Indonesia (on behalf of the Association of South East Asian Nations), Viet Nam, the Philippines, Colombia, Alg and Senegal.

3rd meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representati of Tunisia, Egypt, Guyana (on behalf of the Rio Group (Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Chile, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and th Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)), Japan, the Republic of Korea, Bangladesh, Indi Brazil and Morocco.

A statement was also made by the representative of the Eurasian Economic Commun

Third Committee

1st meeting

The Chairman made an opening statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman drew the Committee's attention to the relevant recommendations contained in document A/61/250, as well as to the proposed organization of work (A/C.3/61/L.1) and the documentation, before the Committee (A/C.3/61/L.1/Add.1/Rev.1).

The Secretary made corrections to the proposed organization of work and the list of documents. The Committee then approved its programme of work for the session, as contained in document A/C.3/61/L.1, together with the provisions contained therein, as orally corrected by the Secretary.

Invitations to Special Rapporteurs, Special Representatives and Independent Experts

The Committee decided to extend invitations to a number of Special Rapporteurs, Special Representatives and Independent Experts, as read out by the Secretary, to present their reports to the Committee at the present session.

Social development [60]

(a) Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

(b) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

(c) United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all

(d) Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing

The Committee began its consideration of item 60 and its sub-items and heard introductory statements by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, the Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development and the representative of the United Nations Educational and Scientific and Cultural Organization.

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, the Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development and the representative of United Nations Educational and Scientific and Cultural Organization, responded to questions posed by the representatives of the Sudan, Finland, Lebanon, Cuba, Philippines, Cameroon, Costa Rica, Turkey, Colombia and Benin.

The Committee began its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of the South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union and the associated countries), Japan and Switzerland.

2nd meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 60 and its sub-items (a), (b), (c) and (d) and heard statements made by the representatives of Egypt, Lesotho (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), Pakistan, the Sudan, Bangladesh, China, Saint Lucia (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Algeria and the Republic of Korea, as well as by the representatives of the United Nations Population Fund and the International Labour Organization.

Organization of work

The Secretary also made a statement.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Notification under article 4 (3): Peru (27 September 2006)[1]

Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network. Jakarta, 12 April 2006

Correction to the authentic Russian text of Annex I of the Agreement: (27 September 2006)[1]

European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR). Geneva, 30 September 1957

Acceptance of the amendments proposed by Portugal to Annexes A and B, as amended (1 October 2006)[1]

Treaty event

Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network Jakarta, 12 April 2006

Opening for signature

The above Agreement was adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its sixty-second session by resolution number 62/4 on the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 12 April 2006.

It shall be open for signature by States, which are members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, at Busan, Republic of Korea, on 10 and 11 November 2006, during the Ministerial Conference on Transport, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 16 November 2006 t 31 December 2008.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Chinese, English and Russian tex are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as feasible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued a signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credenti alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement coul notify and, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *October 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Gambia
H.E. Mr. Crispin Grey-Johnson

Asian States:
Japan
H.E. Mr. Kenzo Oshima

Eastern European States:
Bosnia and Herzegovina
H.E. Mr. Miloš Prica

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Ecuador
H.E. Mr. Diego Cordovez

Western European and other States:
Liechtenstein
H.E. Mr. Christian Wenaweser

Publications

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Monday, 2 October 2006.

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A/61/5/Add.3	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East — Financial report and audited financial statements — for the biennium ended 31 December 2005 and — Report of the Board of Auditors — Supplement No. 5C [A C E F R S]

A/61/4	Report of the International Court of Justice — 1 August 2005–31 July 2006 — Supplement No. 4 [A C E F R S]
A/61/5	Financial report and audited financial statements — for the biennium ended 31 December 2005 and — Report of the Board of Auditors — Volume I — United Nations — Supplement No. 5 [A C E F R S]
A/61/5/Add.1	United Nations Development Programme — Financial report and audited financial statements — for the biennium ended 31 December 2005 and — Report of the Board of Auditors — Supplement No. 5A [A C E F R S]
A/61/5/Add.7	United Nations Population Fund — Financial report and audited financial statements — for the biennium ended 31 December 2005 and — Report of the Board of Auditors — Supplement No. 5G [A C E F R S]

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	Sixty-first session
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A/61/212*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]
A/61/257	Item 121 of the provisional agenda — Human resources management — Composition of the Secretariat — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/285	Item 26 of the provisional agenda — University for Peace — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/473–S/2006/772	Item 13 — The situation in the Middle East — Identical letters dated 27 September 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
	First Committee
A/C.1/61/2	Programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2006 [A C E F R S]

Security Council	Documents
S/2006/769	Letter dated 28 September 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

A/61/473–S/2006/772	Identical letters dated 27 September 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2006/781	Letter dated 29 September 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5539	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]

Secretariat

ST/IC/2006/39	Information circular — Classification of duty stations and special entitlements for staff members serving at designated duty stations [E F (only)]

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